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Clothing for Super High Altitude Areas
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is producing clothing for Siachen and Super High Altitude areas under the aegis of 'Make in India' programme to reduce its import bill;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the details of Indian companies who have deposited the samples of the clothing with the Indian Army for trials;

(c) the annual requirement of such clothing for the army and the details of items that constitute the clothing; and

(d) whether the Indian Army maintains a reserve to meet the shortfall of items in Siachen and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): Ordnance Factories are already producing certain clothing items for Siachen and Super High Altitude areas such as Cap Glacier, Jacket Wind Cheater, Poncho Glacier, etc. Government is engaged in constant endeavours to procure indigenously manufactured items to the extent possible. Through sustained efforts, some items of the clothing for Siachen and Super High Altitude areas have been indigenized resulting in progressive reduction of dependence on imports.

Procurement of clothing etc. for Siachen and Super High Altitude areas are done through a well laid out bidding process involving trials and the participating bidders are required to offer their products for trial as per the provisions of the concerned RFP.
(c) & (d): Clothing for Siachen and Super High Altitude areas are provided to the Indian Army as per laid down specifications and scales sanctioned by the Government. Items that constitute the clothing are water proof bag, modular gloves, face mask, head cap, jacket, trouser, poncho, snow goggles, over garment jacket and trouser, woollen socks and extreme cold weather clothing systems.
Further, adequate stocks of such items are available at all echelons to cater to the requirement of the Army. The requirements of various items are reviewed annually and procurement is undertaken from time to time accordingly.

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